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**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the acceptability of the drawings filed November 30, 2001 in the above. As there is no indication in the Office correspondence that the drawings have been objected to, the applicants presume the drawings have been accepted. Confirmation of the same to the undersigned however would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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